

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An illuminated notebook binder (10) having a front cover (12) and a rear cover (14) with each cover having inner ends (22) that are attached by an integral spine (28). Encircling the two ends of the spine (28) is a notebook closure flap (42) that is opened and closed by means of an encircling zipper (46). The inner surface (18) of the front cover (12) and/or the rear cover (14) includes a set of compartments (34), pockets (36) and pencil/pen retaining loops (38). The outer surface (16) of the front cover (12) includes indicia (50) that is illuminated by a set of light emitting diodes (DS1-DS5) that are activated by either a first switch (S1) or a second switch (S2). The switches are connected to an electronic control circuit (66) that controls the operation and illumination of the indicia (50). The circuit (66) is housed in an enclosure (64) that is attached to the inner surface (18) of the front cover (12) opposite the indicia (50).